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SUBJECT: U.S. INDIA AGREEMENT ON TAX EXEMPTION FOR AIRLINES

REF: (A) NEW DELHI 18702, (B) STATE 308070

1. TEXTS OF CHARGE'S LETTER AND REPLY OF S.R. MEHTA, CHAIRMAN OF THE CENTRAL BOARD OF DIRECT TAXES OF DECEMBER 29, 1976 ARE REPEATED IN PARAS 2 AND 3 BELOW. AT REQUEST OF GOI, TEXT OF CHARGE'S LETTER TRANSMITTED REFTEL B WAS SLIGHTLY AMENDED WITH REGARD TO EXEMPTIONS GRANTED BY INDIA IN ORDER TO SPECIFY THAT (A) INDIVIDUAL U.S. CITIZENS MUST BE, AS STATED IN EXCHANGE OF NOTES, NON-RESIDENT IN INDIA AND (B) AIRCRAFT MUST BE REGISTERED IN THE UNITED STATES (AS AUTHORIZED BY STATE 301535).

2. CHARGE'S LETTER: QUOTE DEAR MR. MEHTA: ON NOVEMBER 26, 1976 WE EXCHANGED LETTERS CONCERNING A RECIPROCAL AIRLINE TAX EXEMPTION. IN THIS CONNECTION THE TEXT OF THE U.S. NOTE DOES NOT MAKE A SPECIFIC REFERENCE TO THE AIRCRAFT REGISTRATION REQUIREMENT CONTAINED IN SECTIONS 872(B) (2) AND 883(A) (2) OF THE U.S. INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1954, AS AMENDED, THOUGH IT HAD BEEN INTENDED THAT THESE REQUIREMENTS BY COVERED BY THE NOTE. UNCLASSIFIED

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FOR THIS REASON WE WISH, BY THIS LETTER, TO CONFIRM THE U.S. STATUTORY REQUIREMENT THAT THE AIRCRAFT, INCOME FROM THE OPERATION OF WHICH IS EXEMPT FROM U.S. INCOME TAX, BE REGISTERED IN INDIA, WHICH GRANTS AN EQUIVALENT EXEMPTION TO U.S. CORPORATIONS AND TO U.S. CITIZENS NON-RESIDENT IN INDIA IN RESPECT OF INCOME FROM THE OPERATION

## OF AIRCRAFT REGISTERED IN THE UNITED STATES.

I WOULD E MOST GRATEFUL IF YOU WOULD KINDLY CONFIRM THIS LETTR SO AS TO MEET THE STATUTORY REQUIREMENT OF THE U.S. INTERNAL (REVENUE ) CODE. SINCERELY. (SIGNED) DAVID T. SCHNEIDER, CHARGE D'AFFAIRES AD INTERIM. END QUOTE.

3. MEHTA'S LETTER: QUOTE DEAR MR. SCHNEIDER, THIS
IS TO ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF YOUR LETTER DATED DECEMBER
27, 1976 REGARDING THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF
INDIA AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERIA
FOR THE AVOIDANCE OF DOUBLE TAXATION OF INCOME OF THE
INTERNATIONAL AIRLINES OF THE TWO COUNTRIES AND TO CNONFIRM
THE TEXT OF YOUR LETTER WHICH READS AS FOLLOWS: (BODY OF
CHARGE'S LETTER IS QUOTED IN FULL). YOURS SINCERELY,
(SIGNED) S.R. MEHTA. END QUOTE

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